

Dear SIC Members and Supporters:

This issue of *SIC Clips & Quips* (Volume 4, Issue 9) is sent to share information of special interest to our state's School Improvement Councils.

Governor's Budget Vetoes – You should have already received our alert to you regarding Governor Haley's **Vetoes 68 and 69** impacting two of three funding streams for SC-SIC and our request to contact your local House and Senate members to vote to override these vetoes. If you have not already done so, please contact them **by Tuesday, July 17**, and urge them to **override these vetoes** and demonstrate their support of continued public involvement in our public schools. SC-SIC is the only state supported organization that provides training, resources and technical support for parent and community involvement in our public schools. All three SC-SIC funding streams combined come to just over \$260,000 – a very small investment with a 15-fold return in the amount of resources (over \$3.8 million in unpaid volunteer time last year) brought into our local public schools by their School Improvement Councils. Please tell your elected officials that involving the public in our public schools matters! Call your Senator and Representative **today** and urge them to **override Vetoes 68 and 69!**

For a full listing of Gov. Haley's budget vetoes, which include a number affecting education-related programs/funding about which you may also wish to contact your legislators, see <http://sic.sc.gov/Documents/BudgetVetoes12-13.pdf>.

To find contact information for your elected officials, visit <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/legislatorssearch.php/>.

SC Education Policy Fellowship Program Accepting New Applicants – The SC Education Policy Fellowship Program (SC-EPFP) is a 10-month professional development program for emerging leaders in education and related fields designed to work toward the implementation of sound education policy and practice in South Carolina. Education is important to everyone and leaders representing a variety of organizations, agencies and business are encouraged to participate in this unique and valuable program. SC-EPFP, affiliated with the Education Policy Fellowship Program of the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC, and coordinated by SC-SIC, is now accepting applicants for Fellows for the 2012-13 academic year. SC-EPFP is dedicated to developing an influential cadre of informed, broad-minded and well-networked leaders representing all stakeholder groups who will take action to improve the future of our state through education advocacy, improvement and reform. If you are interested in participating in this nationally-recognized program, or know someone who might be, you can find more about SC-EPFP – including application materials, tuition and travel costs and other information – online at <http://sic.sc.gov/sceducationpolicyfellowshipprogram/Pages/index.aspx>.

Remember, *SIC Clips & Quips* is sent to all SIC members and supporters who share their email addresses with us. Please feel free to print this information out and share it with fellow SIC members who may not have received it. We are here to help you, so please contact us any time!

Tom

Tom F. Hudson
Associate Director

SC School Improvement Council
at the USC College of Education
803-777-7658 ----- 800-868-2232

"Civic Engagement in Public Education"

